

# God Introduces Himself

*Exodus 33:12 – 34:7*

God has given Moses a huge responsibility:  
to share in leading His people through a vast wilderness and  
forming them into a nation,  
indeed, into the people of God.

At a particularly stressful point in their journey,  
Moses feels the deep need  
to know God better and  
to be assured of His continuing presence.

So Moses prays:

*“Let me know Your ways that I may know You” and  
“Show me Your glory!”* (Exodus 33:13, 18, NASB)

God responds:

*“You cannot see My face, for mankind shall not see Me and live!” Then the Lord said, “Behold, there is a place by Me, and you shall stand there on the rock; and it will come about, while My glory is passing by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by. Then I will take My hand away and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen.”* (Exodus 33:20-23, NASB)

God does as He promised, and  
as He does,  
He describes Himself in a few words.

So how does God summarize Himself?

What does He most want His people to understand about Him?

- He is the eternal God, the Source of all existence.
- He is unfailing love and  
absolute dependability.
- He freely, eagerly forgives sin,
- But He will never ignore sin.

A loving Father cannot ignore  
what threatens His children.

Sin and all its fruits must be  
pursued and  
destroyed.

This is the God  
we fear and love and serve.

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